

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes**  
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**Monday  
March 4, 2013  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. There were seven (7) District Advisory Board members in attendance, ten (10) City staff and six (6) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Charlie Claycomb  
John VanWalleghen  
Denice Bruce  
Deborah Sanders  
Denise O’Leary-Siemer  
Cathy Landwehr  
Joel Weihe

**Members Absent**

Scott Dunakey

**Staff Present**

Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Services  
Capt. R. Leeds, Patrol North  
Bill Longnecker, Planning  
Officer Schweithale, Patrol South  
Officer Rusco, Patrol North  
Officer Jerrell, Patrol North  
Steve Spade, Transit Director  
Officer Tejada, Patrol West  
K.Royse, WF Station #1 Fire

**Council Member Miller** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone. **Miller** asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation for serving on the board.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Claycomb/VanWalleghen 6-0**)

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for December 3, 2012 and January 16, 2013 were approved as submitted (**Claycomb/Sanders 6-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** None
2. **Off-agenda items:** None

**Staff Presentations**

3. **Community Police Report**

**Patrol North:** *Captain Rusty Leeds* introduced himself as the new captain at Patrol North. He said he had been the captain at Patrol West. Leeds said if a resident can’t resolve an issue with any of his officers he would be happy to talk with you and at present he was looking at ways to improve efficiency at the patrol.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Rusco* reported for 41 Beat in February there were no hot spots or crime trends. *Rusco* said she was following up for 41 and 48 Beats where 13 non-residential burglaries reported stealing power tools from sheds and garages. We have suspected persons of interest and have increased police presence where they live and now the burglaries have stopped. The last burglary was on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

42 Beat had a hot spot with four (4) burglaries along Emporia/St. Francis streets where an adult and juvenile were arrested for the burglaries and since then there have been no further burglaries. Also 42 Beat in February had four (4) aggravated assaults and five (5) cases on 21 Beat which is south of Central and Broadway with two (2) domestic violence and three (3) fire arms on display and 49 Beat had an increase in residential burglaries. In this same area we did a suspect arrest/warrant sweep to check if they were still living at their addresses. We found 51 residents and eight (8) misdemeanors. *Rusco* finished with handing out *Wichita Walk Against Gang Violence* flyers stating the event was Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> with the booths starting at 9am and the walk beginning at 10. Please hand out the flyers to all your neighbors.

**Patrol South:** *Officer Schweithale* reporting for Old Town and 21/22 Beats said he had talked to Officer Carlson and there were no hot spots or increase in crime. The camera system is working well and is allowing more follow-up for detectives. They can locate an incident and watch what took place. We continue to work with the homeless and are trying to get them off the street. We had a homeless female living under a bridge and last Wednesday we helped get her into an apartment.

**Weihe** stated it was cool what you're doing with the homeless. *Schweithale* said we want to divert criminal charges as it helps them. **Sanders** said it was commendable what is being done for the homeless

**Landwehr** arrived at 6:37pm.

**Sanders** asked if we would be getting another homeless shelter and if business people would consider hiring the homeless. *Schweithale* said the homeless utilize the services during the winter but didn't believe we would be getting another shelter and yes police are working with some businesses to help the homeless get jobs.

**Patrol West:** *Officer Tejada* 11 Beat for area near 21<sup>st</sup>/ Amidon and 9<sup>th</sup>/West/Amidon reported as of February 11-12-14-15 there was a decrease in all major categories which was possibly due to the cold weather. With the nicer weather coming crime will increase. Our Flash Cam is working but we have no place to put it. The Facebook page for Patrol West bureau has updates on what is happening for the area. At present, the individual beat facebook pages are on hold.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Jerrell* 48 Beat there was a business burglary near 21<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. We have arrested the top three (3) players but there remain around 20 others who were involved.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

#### 4. **Fire Department Report**

*Capt. Royce* reported:

2-4: a fire on W. Newell the property was vacant.

2-5: 1800/Hood with a fire on the deck.

2-6: the well known dumpster fires. That person has been arrested.

2- 21: house on 2231 N. Jackson.

2-27: detached garage on 2941 N. Shelton.

For overall city there were 24 structure fires.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

## New Business

### Zoning

#### 5 CUP2013-00002

On Monday March 4, 2013 the District VI Advisory Board (DAB) heard the request for Amendment #2 for the GC zoned CUP DP-86, to allow vehicle storage on a portion of it, generally located north of 37<sup>th</sup> Street North and I-235/K96, on the west side of Seneca Street.

The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. *Bill Longnecker, Planner* presented the case background, reviewed the staff recommendation and answered questions of members and the public.

The Board asked/made the following questions/comments: *responses in Italics*

- If there were any protests by the residents? *Some residents had filed against the parking but they lost.*

There were no public to speak in favor or opposition of this request.

*John Billmeyer* for First Student reported since operating now there have been no complaints and with summer school coming there will be 100 buses stored at this location. The remaining buses will be moved down south for the summer.

\*\*\*\***Action:** The District VI Advisory Board members made a motion to recommend to City Council **Approval (VanWalleghen/Sanders 7-0)** for Amendment #2 for the GC zoned CUP DP-86, subject to the conditions listed in the staff report.

#### 6. Douglas Ave Transit Improvement Project

*Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer* reported the City of Wichita had received a grant from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus Livability Initiative to fund 80 percent of the cost of designing and constructing transit improvements along Douglas Avenue from Main Street to Washington Avenue. *Gunzelman* presented the project background thru PowerPoint slides including that the presentation had also been made to other boards for their approval. A big part of the project is the bus shelters from Market to Old Town, electronic signage and amenities.

The Board asked/made the following questions/comments: *responses in Italics*

- How frequent will buses run? *Every 30 minutes.*
- Will the roofs be made from Plexiglas? *No they will be made from metal which will be perforated for air and light to filter through.*
- Will they open on one side only? *No, they will open from both sides, a walk through.*
- What will the route be? *From Market to Washington street.*
- Will this affect the Bronze sculptures on Douglas? *No.*

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** The District VI Advisory Board members made a motion to recommend to City Council **Approval (Claycomb/Sanders 6-1 Bruce abstain)** of the Douglas Ave Transit Improvement Project.

### Board Agenda

#### 7. Problem Properties

There were no problem properties reported.

#### 8. Neighborhood Reports

Benjamin Hills/Pleasant Valley Newsletter was handed out to members.

**Sanders** reported at her home cats were showing up missing their tails. They had been chopped off. She felt unsafe letting her cat companions out and filed a police report.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

#### Updates from the councilmember

#### Announcements

- The next DAB VI meeting will be held on **Monday, April 1, 2013.**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

#### Guests

MS. Mitchell

Bob Aldrich

Monte Vines

Cindy Claycomb

Mary Cole

Carlos Contreras

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant